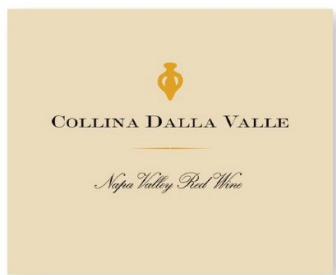


DALLA VALLE

Vineyards



2013 COLLINA DALLA VALLE NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

The 2013 vintage, which fell in the second year of an extended drought in California, produced wines with remarkable concentration, aromatic brightness, and a strong sense of place. On our vineyard, which sits four hundred feet above the valley in the eastern hills of Oakville, both the Cabernet Franc and the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes arrived at the winery with an intense character, and great varietal definition. In the winery, the grapes seemed to extract quickly, with loads of color, and ample tannins. Even going straight to barrel the wines seemed fully formed, though with a very firm tannin profile.

Our Collina Dalla Valle is crafted to highlight the character of our special terroir, while being approachable in its youth. The 2013 is a fine example: Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine gives out a floral and spice-rich fragrance immediately. As it opens, the flavor profile is exceedingly generous, with layers of black fruit, gravel, and smoke spreading across the palate. With all its density and richness, the wine benefits from decanting, and continues to open with time in the glass. The intention with Collina Dalla Valle is the wine is accessible upon release. However, for those who are patient, the wine will continue to evolve over the next 15-20 years in the bottle.